

Application No.: 10/092,347

Docket No. D02628

REMARKS

A. Status of the Application

Claims 1-5, 7-13, 20 and 21 were pending in the instant application.

The Examiner communicated that Claims 20 and 21 were allowable, but maintained that all other pending claims were not.

With this response the Applicants have requested the cancellation of all pending claims, except for Claims 20 and 21.

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B. Rejections of the Claims under 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Examiner rejected claims 1-5 and 7-13 as being anticipated under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) by U.S. Patent Application No. 2002/0172368A1. Applicants have requested that Claims 1-5 and 7-13 be canceled, and consequently will not address the Examiner's rejection of these claims.

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CONCLUSION

Applicants, having elected to pursue only those claims (20 and 21) which the Examiner had previously deemed allowable, request that this application be passed to allowance with those two claims. Should any issues arise that prevent early allowance of the above application, the examiner is invited contact the undersigned to resolve such issues.

To the extent an extension of time is needed for consideration of this response, Applicant hereby request such extension and, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge deposit account number 502117 for any fees associated therewith.

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